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I have been informed that, during the last week of October, a Lewiston, N. Y. Town Board soil testing contractor made test borings in the northern Love Canal area formerly used as a landfill by Stauffer.

About 20 holes were drilled to various depths to and into rock level. Plastic liners were inserted into at least the deepest holes in an effort to collect any leachate. No depth information was given, but in this area soil is only 2-20 ft. deep, with rock underneath.

Based on recollection of employees and upon nature of the processes, past burials there are believed to have consisted of concrete cellparts, graphite, scrap sulfur, cinders from boilers, scrap metal, silicon, zirconium and titanium sands. These appear to be substances of significantly less concern than in the publicized Love Canal case. This information was recently requested by and given to the Interagency Task Force on Hazardous Wastes, a joint creation of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Federal EPA. The agency is charged with making a survey of New York State landfill sites.

We will obtain the test boring results when available and will advise.

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